

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants have claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention, which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination. The independent claims identify the following uniquely distinct features:

Each independent claim includes language which processes communication packets through a plurality of communication modules based on an ordering in a list in order to route the packets over a network. The processing of the packets through the communication modules constitutes a transformation of data which is a statutory process.

The closest prior art, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-22 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-22 being allowable, **Prosecution On The Merits Is Closed** in this application.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Isfeld et al. (US 5,592,622) discloses a network intermediate system with message passing architecture.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

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